



draft MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD

3rd Floor Planning Conference Room

7447 E. Indian School Road

April 23, 2003

5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was called to order at 5:42 p.m. by Dan Basinger, Board Chair. The presence of a quorum was noted.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dan Basinger, Chair
Lynn Ashby
Michele Cohen
Brian Munson
Michael Mulroy
Randy Nussbaum

Members Absent: Don Manthe, Vice Chair

City Staff Present: Larry Person
Chuck Skidmore
Dave Potter
Danny Johnson

Others Present: Bodo Diehn
Patty Skidmore
Davida Shiffman-Smith
Nick Rome
Adam Munson

APPROVAL OF 3/19/03 MEETING MINUTES

On motion made by Board Member Munson and seconded by Board Member Ashby, the minutes for the 3/19/03 meeting were approved as presented. The motion passed by a vote of three (3) to zero (0), with three Board Members Mulroy, Nussbaum and Basinger abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Green Building Report**

Chair Basinger informed the Board Members that preparations for the Expo event in October are progressing well. He noted that the Lecture Series has been very well attended with 75 to 95 attendees per lecture.

- **Building Code/Energy Code**

Dave Potter advised the Board that the 2003 Building and Energy Code would be presented to City Council for approval on June 17. He explained several of the changes in the new code and noted their efforts to mainstream the green program through code changes. Mr. Potter recalled that the Board had approved a resolution in support of the 2002 Code and suggested a corresponding resolution from the EQAB supporting the 2003 Code.

Board Member Mulroy moved to adopt the resolution as previously drafted on August 21, 2002, with an update of the date to reference the 2003 Code. Board Member Cohen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Mr. Potter added that Mr. Floyd has relocated his office in the One Civic Center location, and commented that the move would benefit the Green Building Program, as he would be in a position to interact more closely with day-to-day issues.

- **Noise Issues**

Board Member Nussbaum distributed copies of noise ordinances from the towns of Carefree and Cavecreek. Mr. Person provided Board Members with an information sheet regarding Go-Ped use in the City of Scottsdale. Board Member Nussbaum also referred to several newspaper articles discussing the enforcement of the Carefree ordinance and the issue of Go-Peds. Ms. Shiffman-Smith suggested collaborating with the equestrian groups in approaching the Go-Ped issue. The Board Members discussed various matters related to a potential noise ordinance. Board Member Nussbaum suggested that the next logical step would be to present the Carefree and Cavecreek ordinances to the City Attorney for his review and

opinion. It was the consensus of the Board for Board Member Nussbaum to proceed and report back at the next meeting.

- **Sustainability Indicators Report**

Chair Basinger referred to the most recent iteration of the report. Mr. Person introduced Nick Rome, an intern for the City, who has worked on the revisions. Mr. Person pointed out that five additional indicators have been added to the report, and called attention to some of the changes made. He asked for Board Member comments. Board Member Ashby commented on the quality of the revised report. Chair Basinger requested that the three-circle logo, which has been used in the past, be retained in the report. Mr. Person asked the Board Members to communicate specific comments as to typographical errors and edits to him in hard copy form.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Alternative Fuels Program – City Fleet Vehicles**

Danny Johnson provided an overview of the use of alternative fuels in city fleet vehicles. He noted that the City has 849 vehicles powered by gas and diesel, 136 of which are capable of operating on alternate fuel. He also stated that gas-burning vehicles are replaced with an alternate fuel vehicle as often as possible. Mr. Johnson discussed the use of bio-diesel and the benefits and drawbacks of its use. He stated that cost is always a consideration, and that a commitment by other valley cities could do much to improve the cost efficiency of alternate fuels through reduced delivery fees and volume buying.

Mr. Johnson also observed that the use of hybrid vehicles has been suggested by the City Manager, and commented that the key is to pursue a change in people's habits regarding alternate fuels and promote a climate of commitment from City decision makers for environmental responsibility.

- **Energy Topics**

Mr. Skidmore addressed the Board Members and provided his extensive background in various energy-related fields. He explained that there is no Energy Program for Scottsdale for the current year, but credited Sandy Spain with her efforts in prior years in promoting Scottsdale's Energy Policy. Mr. Skidmore reviewed Scottsdale's Energy Policy, and explained some of the difficulties inherent in implementing that policy in relation to the current budgetary climate. He discussed the potential for use of energy efficient methods in the new Senior Center, and the need to stress

the importance of energy efficiency and reducing energy demand with regard to new City facilities and existing maintenance issues.

Mr. Skidmore reviewed several of the more innovative uses of renewable energy in the Valley along with some experimental programs.

- **Dust Control Program**

Mr. Person informed the Board that the City would be paving three different roads for dust control with funds remaining from the mandated EPA Dust Control Program. He also discussed changes in Dust Control Rule 310 by the County, which will have significant impact on City operations. He explained that in the past any project resulting in dust from earth moving activity in an area larger than one acre in size required submission of a plan for a watering truck on site. Mr. Person stated that the County is proposing to decrease the size of the project to a tenth of an acre, thus requiring watering trucks for a multitude of small jobs.

Board member Nussbaum referred to the City's efforts, and EQAB involvement, in 1999 to test a number of products on unpaved roads. Mr. Person noted that the process is ongoing and that a new product has just been approved for use.

UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Chair Basinger stated that on April 12, the Mayor, Councilwoman Lukas, three EQAB members and several Scottsdale Pride and Neighborhood Enhancement Commission members toured the clean-up sites for the Neighborhood Cleanup Weekend and that their participation was greatly appreciated by the citizens whose neighborhoods were involved.

Chair Basinger reminded the Board Members that the EQAB has agreed to participate in the Adopt-A-Road event on April 26.

Chair Basinger noted that the theme for next month's meeting on May 21 would be Shopping Green and that a presentation by Belle Starr was scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made and duly seconded, the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Swanberg
Court Reporter